

Pacific Coast Fisheries.

The total value of the Pacific Coast fisheries for the year ending December 31, 1908, reached \$6,539,430. According to the preliminary report of the United States Census Bureau. In this vast enterprise, there were employed 6904, independent fishermen; 6951, wage earning fishermen; 257 vessels valued at \$1,731,652; outfit (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.), 567,622; boats, 7268, valued at \$1,244,852; apparatus of capture, \$2,458,780; dredges, tongs, etc., \$8770; gillnets 9752, \$1,135,500; lines, \$54,270; pound and trapnets, 382, \$769,360; seines, 595, \$134,630; trammel nets, 2537, \$66,570; wheels, 44, \$236,000; miscellaneous, \$53,680; shore and accessory property, \$347,910; cash capital, \$117,370.

Products: Barracuda, 3,204,800 lbs., \$87,600; catfish, 1,269,300 lbs., \$64,810; cod, salted, 7,946,100 lbs., \$217,666; flounders, 3,500,300 lbs., \$83,260; halibut, 36,087,500 lbs., \$1,236,420; herring, 3,046,600 lbs., \$30,030; rockfish, 2,454,100 lbs., \$65,580; salmon, 90,659,100 lbs., \$3,344,150; sardines, 4,838,300 lbs., \$30,270; sea bass, 1,337,200 lbs., \$42,080; smelt, 3,644,200 lbs., \$102,900; sole, 3,677,300 lbs., \$68,630; striped bass, 1,775,700 lbs., \$134,660; miscellaneous fish etc., \$209,980.

Dominion Codfish Prices High.

The Halifax Chronicle says: "Codfish of the best grades is expected to be very high before next summer owing to the great shortage of the Labrador catch during the past season. Prices have already advanced in the Brazilian trade to almost record figures and it is expected that the Mediterranean trade will take so much of the Newfoundland shore fish in lieu of Labrador, as to leave the supplies very scarce. The figures paid for fish at St. John's, of late have been such as to indicate the intention of the purchasers to hold them for advances of unparalleled proportions—if they do not intend to lose money."

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FISH AT BOSTON
VERY SCARCE.

Cod Sold at \$9 and Haddock at \$7.25 From Vessel.

As was expected, there is very little fish at T wharf this morning. Yesterday afternoon, the steam trawler Spray came from a very rough trip, with a few, the steam netter Quoddy had about a good sized mouthful, and sch. Ralph Russell had a few pollock, caught off Halfway Rock.

This morning, the only arrival was the market boat Washakie, and she only had a few thousand pounds. Prices were way up, as haddock sold for \$7.25, while codfish, both large and markets, sold for \$9.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Washakie, 3000 haddock, 400 cod, 500 hake.
Steamer Spray, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Regina, 7000 haddock, 6000 cod, 14,000 hake, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 2500 pollock.
Steamer Quoddy, 300 cod.
Haddock, \$7.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$9; market cod, \$9; pollock, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$5.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. A. W. Black and Minerva were at Portland on Tuesday. Sch. Helen B. Thomas was also there with 3000 pounds of fresh fish.
Sch. Mattie Winship cleared from Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday.

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Large Haddock Stock.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, stocked \$1823 as the result of her recent Western Bank haddock trip, the crew sharing \$41.75.

LEADS THE FRESH
HALIBUT FLEET.

Sch. Dictator Has Stocked Over \$26,000 Since January 6.

What is without doubt the best stock and share made by a vessel of the fresh halibut fleet for the present year, goes to the credit of Capt. Fred Thompson of sch. Dictator, who since January 6, up to last week, stocked the swell total of \$26,312.98, the crew profiting to the extent of \$635.22 each. The Dictator has been engaged in what is called the Georges halibuting, but she leads not only that, but the regular halibuters as well.

The share of the men is a fine one, when it is considered that the craft carries nine dories, or 20 men, all told, and the stock is one of which Capt. Thompson may well feel proud. This is his first season in command of the Dictator, he going in sch. Niagara the previous season and making a splendid name for himself. In the sch. Dictator he has more than lived up to his good reputation as a hustling, brainy master mariner, and has fairly earned his place in the front row of halibut skippers, all of which is very pleasing to his large circle of friends, who are congratulating him on his success and bidding him to "keep it up."

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AN AESTHETIC LOBSTER.

A pale pea-green lobster was found in a lot of 3700 brought in by the schooner Katie L. Lamson for Trefethen & Co., Portland. The lobster was of good size and apparently in excellent health. Light colored lobsters are no great rarity, but a custacean of such an extreme albino type is very much of a curiosity.

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NO ARRIVALS
AT THIS PORT.

Some of Storm-Bound Fishing Fleet May Sail Today.

There were no fishing arrivals here this morning. Some of the market boats which have been held up here by the storm since last Monday, went out in hopes of finding their trawls, which have been out all that time on Middle Bank and Jeffries. Some of the skippers evidently thought there would be no chance to put over a dory and so remained at their berths, although they may go out later in the day.

Although Friday is not a favored day for sailing, it is probable that several of the big off-shore craft, which have been cooped up here since the start of the week, will get away during the day.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gossip, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Arkona, Newfoundland herring trip.
Sch. Hoff, shore.
Sch. Motor, shore.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Almeida, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Sadle M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, pollocking.
Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Emerald, pollocking.
Sch. Grace Darling, pollocking.
Sch. Volant, pollocking.
Sch. Corsair, Newfoundland salt herring.
Sch. Blanche, Newfoundland frozen herring.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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WEATHER VERY BAD
ON QUERO BANK

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, arrived this morning from a Quero bank, deck-handling trip after the hardest kind of an experience, with a small fare of 15,000 pounds of salt cod.

The craft left here November 11 and has had bad weather about all the time she was out, gale followed gale in rapid succession.

In one of the recent heavy blows, she parted her cable while riding it out, losing the whole string of 220 fathoms, beside two anchors and having her foresail torn.

Sch. Ramona, also in this morning from a Quero bank deck handling trip, had her deck swept by a heavy sea, and her gurry kid smashed.

To give an idea of how the deck and dory handliners have been having the weather to the eastward this fall it is only necessary to state that the dory handliner Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. William Clark, which left here October 6 and came in this morning, was only able to put over her dories 11 days in all that time.

Sch. Mattie Winship which was in on the Cape Shore a few days ago, had lost part of her string of cable.

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HERRING NOW
AT THE ARMS.

Situation at Bay of Islands Shows Improvement.

A healthy improvement is noted in the herring situation at Bay of Islands, N. F., according to the latest dispatches, and it is hoped that soon word will be received that the fish are in the Arms in goodly quantities and that all the crafts are busy loading.

A dispatch received here last night states that the three days' northeast gale was very severe indeed, but that there is now fair fishing in the North and Middle and Humber Arms.

The Boston Fish Bureau has Bay of Islands advices to the effect that conditions are more favorable there and the fishermen were beginning to get those taken last year.

A telegram to the Boston Fish Bureau states that the British sch. Strathcona sailed from Bonne Bay, N. F., on Wednesday with a cargo of salt herring for this port or Boston.

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BILLIONS OF FISH EGGS.

A record was established by the fish commission in the distribution of fish and fish eggs for propagation and hatching purposes during the fiscal year 1909, when the output aggregated the vast total of 3,117,131,911. This is 240,000,000 more fish and eggs than were distributed during the previous year.